

Federal Forecasters Conference 2005

Official Forecasting Contest Entry Form

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Please write in your forecasts of the following 5 items. Put your forecasts in the same format as the example. All examples are as reported from the *Washington Post*. The forecasts will be judged by the ranking method (analysis of variance by ranks).

1. The unemployment rate for the month of March 2005. (**Example:** For September 2004, the national unemployment rate was 5.4%)
2. The closing cash price for platinum on the New York Mercantile Exchange as of March 25, 2005. (**Example:** On November 18, 2004, the closing price was 862.7.)
3. The average temperature at Reagan National Airport for March 25, 2005. (**Example:** On November 18, 2004, the low temperature 48°F and the high temperature was 63°F, so the average was 55.5 °F.)
4. The number of privately-owned housing starts, seasonally adjusted, in February 2005. (**Example:** In November 2004 the number of privately-owned housing starts, seasonally adjusted, was 2,027,000.)
5. The closing price for Apollo Group Incorporated (Symbol: APOL) on March 25, 2005. (**Example:** On September 8, 2004, the closing price was 82.07)

The winner will be announced at FFC/2005, which will be held April 21, 2005. All decisions of the contest judges are final. FFC Organizing Committee members are not eligible. Only one entry per person. All contest entries are confidential. For more information, call Brian Sloboda at (202) 366-5342 or email at brian.sloboda@bts.gov. Each individual will receive confirmation of receipt of his/her submission by February 15, 2005.

Please FAX (with a cover sheet), or e-mail the entry form postmarked by **February 1, 2005** to:

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